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Good Morning! Today in EYE-OPENER May 8, 2017

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1) New SILO-ILL System: Observations & Suggestions: The State Library's newly revamped **SILO Interlibrary Loan System** opened for business last Monday May 1, when library staff across the state began entering ILL transactions into the new system. It's definitely a fresh look and feel for **SILO-ILL** this spring. With these changes, come some personal observations...consider this my op-ed piece ☺

- ❖ These changes represent the first major facelift for **SILO-ILL** in 20 years. With 544 public libraries in Iowa, a statewide ILL system needs to work for the largest as well as the smallest libraries. From Sioux City to McGregor, there's a wide range of workflows and staff preferences. Admittedly, one system can't meet every library's desired way of doing things. But the **2017 SILO-ILL System** brings solid improvements to the scene. As just one example: expanded tracking features that greatly improve messaging between borrowing and lending libraries.
- ❖ Coping with change can test people's patience, without question. But here is some positive perspective I'm happy to share—two testimonials. From Glenda Mulder with Laurens PL (population 1,258) *"I think the new **SILO-ILL** is awesome and has some upgrades I didn't even know I wanted until I saw them! It's very intuitive, if you just poke around a bit."* From Patria Jenson with Linn Grove PL (population 154) *"I love the book labeling inserts, those save such time for small libraries."*

So from personal observations to a few suggestions:

- Tap into **LIBRARY TALK** to read helpful Q&A from your colleagues who are sharing their ILL discoveries; as Glenda said, they're poking around and sharing what they're finding 😊
- Use staff meetings as a time to learn the new **SILO-ILL System** by exploring it together. This could change previous practices for the better @ your libraries
- See this as a period of adjustment—it's been 7 days. Appreciate that more updates are in development and expected in the coming months
- Contact State Library staff—Des Moines or District offices—with your questions and feedback.

Thanks for your cooperation and your patience!



2) OverDrive, SYNC, and YA Audiobooks: This news is thanks to Becky Heil with Southeast District office—the **SYNC program** returns to give your young patrons free audiobooks all summer long! **OverDrive** is once again partnering with **AudioFile** to provide free downloadable young adult audiobooks all summer.

*From OverDrive's blog: "...there are few things more exciting than when the calendar turns to late spring. Schools will soon be letting out and students and parents alike can spend their time enjoying the outdoors. The one thing to be cautious of during these months, however, is the dreaded Summer Slide. As students are away from classrooms, they tend to read less and their comprehension levels can taper off. Luckily, there's a solution that readers of all ages can take advantage of. Audiobooks are wonderful for reading while on the go and thanks to **AudioFile's SYNC program**, you can get two free audiobooks each week for the next 16 weeks straight. The program started April 27 and runs throughout summer..."*

OverDrive and **AudioFile** have made this information really easy to share with your patrons, putting together a [ToolKit](#) with flyers, posters and other handouts. While we can't add these titles to the **BRIDGES** collection, anyone can get two free titles (one "classic" and one more contemporary) each week for their personal collection.

For more information, check out [AudioFile's SYNC program](#)



5) Meetings / Events This Week: The State Library's annual **Director Roundtables** roll out in **Northwest District** this week—**tomorrow** actually at **Odebolt PL (May 9th / 9:30AM-12:30PM)** In a facilitated discussion format, the topic this year is **"The Planning Standard."** When public library standards were revised in 2016, the requirement to have a strategic plan changed from a Tier 3 expectation to a Tier 2. This change in standards impacts more libraries than before, making this a timely topic for **Director Roundtables 2017!**

Two more **Roundtables** follow—**May 16 @ Spencer PL** and **May 23 @ Inwood PL**. Registration is open in the c.e catalog <https://statelibraryofiowa.lmscheckout.com/Course/index> **Everyone registered is asked to bring along their library's current planning document** because there will time to practice writing goals and objectives. Thanks to all three host libraries...looking forward to seeing many of you in Odebolt and in the weeks to come!

Many national webinars to choose from in the month of May. Find descriptions and registration info here <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/continuing-ed/other-conted>

May 10. 1:00-2:00PM. *Introduction to Fundraising Planning* sponsored by Grantspace <http://grantspace.org/Classroom/training-calendar/online>

May 10. 2:00-3:00PM. *What's New in Young Adult Literature 2017* sponsored by Infopeople <https://infopeople.org/training/view/webinar>

May 11. 1:00-2:00PM. *Designing Interactive Library Spaces on Limited Budgets* sponsored by Demco <http://ideas.demco.com/webinars/>

May 11. 1:00-2:00PM. *Project Outcome Update: Website & Survey Management Improvements* sponsored by Public Library Association <http://www.ala.org/pla/education/onlinelearning/webinars>

Monday Morning Eye-Opener

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